



Pānui - Thursday, 17th September

Kia ora e te whānau,

Plenty is happening as we head towards the end of term, with opportunities to celebrate our students while continuing important work behind the scenes.

This week we are looking forward to a visit from our PB4L facilitator to complete our School-wide Evaluation Tool (SET). As part of the SET, the facilitator will meet with teachers and students to talk about the improvements we are making to bring our school values to life in everything we do. Later that day, our staff meeting will be led by our in-school PB4L leads, Miriam and Amy, as we begin developing clear desired-behaviour rubrics for different settings around our school. These will help us establish what our values look like in practice – whether students are in the gym, travelling on the bus, spending a wet lunchtime indoors, or moving around the school.

Our secondary students have also been busy completing their Literacy and Numeracy CAAs and Derived Grade Exams. These are important assessments, and I would like to thank all our students for respecting those sitting exams by keeping the surrounding areas nice and quiet.

On Friday, we are looking forward to sending a delegation of students and staff to the opening of the Aorere Museum of Art here in Collingwood. Housed in Collingwood's historic former post office, the new museum will bring an important art collection into the heart of our local community. It is wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to be part of the opening of a new cultural institution right here on our doorstep.

We also have some fantastic achievements from last week to celebrate. Our students had great success at the Interschool Football in Tākaka, with our girls' teams particularly strong, placing first and second in their respective age grades. Even more pleasing was hearing our students praised for their manners and good sportsmanship. Representing Collingwood Area School in this way is every bit as valuable as coming first, and something we can all be proud of.

Our EPro8 team also had an amazing run. After qualifying from the regional final, they progressed to the Top of the South Final and finished an impressive fourth place, with their engineering wonder of a windmill! Congratulations to the team on a fantastic achievement, and thank you to Jonny and to the parents who supported the students and gave permission for them to head away to compete at the Top of the South event.

Last week we also received our latest roll and operational funding information from the Ministry of Education. As we look ahead to 2027, the overall picture gives us confidence in the school's stability. This is important because it enables us to continue planning for the fantastic range of programmes, opportunities and support that make Collingwood Area School such a special place to learn.

Finally, a couple of reminders as we approach the end of term. Wednesday 23 September is a non-uniform day, with a gold coin donation to raise funds for our school formal. The school holidays then provide a well-earned break for everyone - although for our senior students, they are also a valuable opportunity to prepare for the external examinations ahead. Hopefully there will still be plenty of time for everyone to get outside and enjoy some lovely spring weather too!

He waka eke noa,

Kate Staniford
Tumuaki | Principal

SISS Netball | Poitarawhiti

On the 31st of August, we travelled over to Nelson for the South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament. It was held over one week at Saxton Sports Stadium. It was a busy and exciting week where we got to play against eight different teams. Each game was different; we had some difficult games, but we held our own.

Throughout the week, we worked hard as a team and gave it our all. Even when the wind and sunshine weren't on our side, we stayed positive and encouraged each other to keep going. At the end of the week, we finished fourth overall in the C grade, which is amazing considering the majority of our team is in Year 9. We are proud of this result, as we worked hard throughout the whole week and competed against some pretty good teams.

Overall, the week was a great experience, and I enjoyed spending time together as a team, competing, and improving our netball skills. As it is my last year, I can't wait to see the girls improve even more and build an amazingly strong team.

Ngā mihi

Bianca Swan



SISS Netball

Tegan, Syriaiah, Ashley, Bianca, Ash, Violet
Bree, Oakley, Charlotte, Mackenzie

SISS Football | Whanapoikiri

From the 31st of August to 3rd of September, 13 boys from GBHS and myself travelled to Saxton for the South Island Secondary Schools Football Tournament. Over the four days we lost 2, drew 2, and won 2 games.

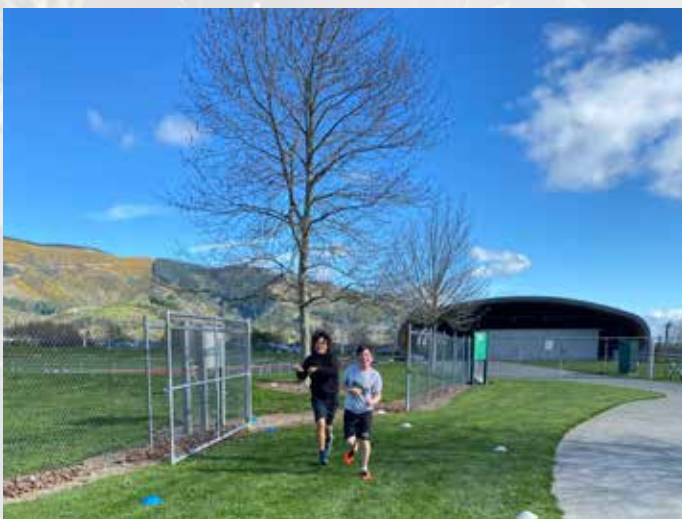
Some highlights for me were the team getting a last minute equalizer against Nayland to draw 2-2, getting an assist from a corner and playing in midfield. Overall it was a great experience and I highly recommend it for anyone who gets the chance.

Thanks, Leroy S



Tasman Teams Practice Race

Last week, four of our students competed in the Tasman Teams Practice Cross-Country race. We are immensely proud of their ongoing dedication and commitment! Ka rawe!



Year 8 EPro 8 Engineering Challenge

Midway through Term 3, the Year 8 class had our EPro 8 school final. EPro8 is an engineering programme that focuses on mechanical, mathematical and electronics problem solving through construction challenges, using aluminium rods, gears, pulleys and connectors.

We received six EPro 8 kits and got a bit of practice beforehand. Everyone in the class was in one of the four teams. We all got to choose names for our teams; our team chose to be The Pink Fluffy Unicorns. There were four challenges to choose from, and Marley, Lydia, Isla, and I chose the fan challenge. We built a 3-stage gearbox to make the fan spin quickly when we turned a handle.

We completed the challenge with time to spare, so we started on the paint roller challenge. There were different sections to complete, and we got points for completing each section; for example, we got 20 points for adding a gearbox stage to our fan.



Robert

Because we won the school final, Robert, Marley, Isla, Jonny and I drove over the hill to Nelson Intermediate School and set up for our competition. We had no idea we had to use electronics which we knew would be a challenge. Then Calvin explained the rules and let us look through the instruction book, and we decided to make the scissor lift.

Then the timer started; we started with the base, then made the first two scissors. We had to use the electronics so the scissor lift moved up and down with a button. After that, there was some maths we had to figure out, then we used the electronics to make it stop at a certain point. We spent about 15 minutes working on the electronics. In the end, we figured it out and were able to come out in 5th.

Lydia

Because Robert, Lydia, Isla, and I came 5th on the qualifiers and the top 6 were making it to the final, we qualified and then got the option of going to the finals, and all of us said yes, so we drove over again with Jonny Hanlon, our chauffeur. When we got to Nelson Intermediate, we went into the briefing, and then we got to choose our challenge. We chose the lighthouse because it looked quite easy and had a good amount of points. Then, while we were doing it, we were in 8th for most of it, but at the end when the time ran out we were in 2nd place. Calvin went round everyone and checked their final work, which put us in 4th place, just 4 points behind 3rd. After that, Lydia got picked up by her mum, then Robert, Isla, and I went to Subway, and I asked for a 6-foot sandwich instead of a 6-inch, which was funny. On the drive home, there was a huge downpour on Takaka Hill. We put our arms out in the cold rain while we were going fast, and it was really cold; I won every time. Then we went home and got home at 7:30 pm.

Marley

Jonny took us all over the hill on both days we left at the start of morning tea.

On the way over we played some strange music and played some funny games (Robert got very competitive). On the first day we made a scissor lift and on the second we made a light house. On the way home we got sushi and on the way home the second night we got subway and cookies. We all had a great time and experience and would love to do it again.

Isla P

Whare Pukapuka | Library News



We received 30 bookmarks ready to be judged and had 67 votes. Everyone voted for their favourites. All the votes were tallied and it was a close race but the winner emerged at the end. By the way it was a preferential voting system with each vote made up of 6 choices with the 1st choice getting 6 points.

- First was Clara McQueen with 213 points
- Second was Amelia Curnow with 199 points
- Third was Shellbie Glass with 139 points
- Fourth was Parker-Lee with 78
- Fifth was Leilani with 74
- Sixth equal were Layla and Isla Paton with 51.

The first 3 got a Paper Plus voucher each and then the next ones chose a prize from our Prize drawer. Congratulations to all those great artists and colourists we have here at school. Beautiful work!

Reading role models are what we need to make it easier for us to accept reading as a necessary activity that actually achieves results. Reading is up there with healthy eating, sleeping and exercise for making us better people. Book ownership is a powerful feeling. So, it was amazing to read about the following:

"Sharing the Joy of Reading - **The Queen's Christmas Present**". As a passionate advocate for literacy, and inspired by the National Year of Reading 2026, Her Majesty The Queen (Camilla) wanted to give children a personal gift at the end of the year to help inspire a love of reading.

As Katherine Rundell is one of Her Majesty's favourite authors, the National Literacy Trust, with Her Majesty as its Patron, has come together with the publisher, Bloomsbury, so that every year 6 child in the United Kingdom, and every home schooled child of the same age across the UK will be gifted a special edition for free of the award-winning children's book, *Impossible Creatures*.

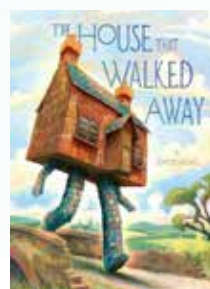
About *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell

Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell is the first in the award-winning series of the same name. It introduces 12-year-old Christopher Forrester to the secret, magical islands of the Glimouria Archipelago, where the creatures of myth still live and thrive. There, he will discover dragons, ratatoskas, unicorns, kankos, longmas and an impossible girl called Mal who needs his help – for something is threatening their survival... Each special edition of *Impossible Creatures* will feature a unique royal stamp on the cover and a personal message from The Queen inside.



<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/the-queens-christmas-present/>

Some of our new books this week are: Enjoy them all ~ Diane & Donna



Wātaka | Calendar

Monday 31st August - Thursday 3rd September
Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September
Wednesday 9th September

Friday 11th September
Monday 14th - Friday 18th September
Tuesday 15th September
Wednesday 16th September

Thursday 17th September
Thursday 24th September
Friday 25th September
Monday 12th October
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st October
Wednesday 21st October
Monday 26th October
Thursday 29th - Friday 30th October
Monday 9th November
Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th November
Monday 7th December
Wednesday 9th December
Thursday 10th December

SISS Netball
Lunchtime Saveloy Sale
BOT Meeting
IS EPro 8
Mac n Cheese and toastie sale
IS Football
Derived Grade Exam Week
Reading CAA
TSS Pickleball & Numeracy CAA
Year 11 and 12 2027 Options Afternoon
Writing CAA
Year 9 & 13 Sea Kayak
End Term Three
Start Term Four
Life Education
Shake Out - 11am
Labour Day Public Holiday
Mini TOSI
NZQA Exams Start
Wharariki Class Noho Marae
Year 9 - 13 Prize Giving (11.30am)
Year 1 - 8 Prize Giving (1.30 pm)
End Term Four

Don't Miss Out!

**2026 YEARBOOK
PRESALE!**

**\$30
EACH**



Order now via Kindo!



Kia ora students and whānau

It is that time of year! Please can ALL Show Day and Prize Giving Trophies be returned to the Office ASAP!

Ngā mihi

The Office

Have you visited the new Notices area of SchoolBridge?

SchoolBridge Notices serve as your main school bulletin board, keeping you connected to everything happening across the school in real time. Notices are your first stop when you need clarity on upcoming events or daily goings-on, consolidating school communications in one place.

You can find Notices in the **Latest News and Events** section on your SchoolBridge dashboard and in the dedicated Notices icon in the **app's bottom menu bar**.

Don't forget: if you need help navigating SchoolBridge, you can access a handy Parent Guide in the Resources tab on your dashboard.

Collingwood Area School

Notices Tuesday 8 September, 2026

Junior TOSI Trials

From Tuesday 8 September, 2026 to Saturday 12 September, 2026

SPORT YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 10

Junior TOSI 2026 Training Schedule

Term 3 Week 8

Day	Boys	Girls
Monday	XC & Halls	
Tuesday	No Training - Staff vs students Basketball game	
Wednesday	Touch	Football
Thursday	Football	Basketball
Friday	Basketball	Football

If you are wanting to be part of the Junior TOSI team that travels to Murchison next term please come to trials this week. Meet in the gym at the start of lunch.

The team will be selected on 18/9/2026

Have you registered for your Kindo account yet?

Kindo

Making School Payments Simple

One Account. All Your Schools

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Hospitality Fundraiser

SPECIAL LUNCH FOR SALE!

WEDNESDAY 9th SEPT.

HAM & CHEESE TOASTIES \$2.50

MAC N CHEESE \$4.00

PTA Invitation!

FOCAS
FRIENDS OF COLLINGWOOD AREA SCHOOL

NEXT HUI
September 21st
6pm start
46 Solly Rd

We will be finalising our formation, reviewing a draft constitution and sharing ideas.

All welcome - bring a friend!

Childcare available at the meeting.

We are Hiring!

Exam Supervisors & Reader / Writers

Collingwood Area School is looking for reliable people to help with NZQA external examinations.

We are looking for people who are:

- Good at following procedures
- Confident using technology such as laptops or tablets
- Able to navigate online systems
- Comfortable typing on a keyboard

Paid supervision training will be provided. Pay rate to be determined by NZQA. All successful applicants must complete Police vetting.

Send expressions of interest to admin@collingwood.school.nz

WHARARIKI FUNDRAISER

Pre-order with your Kindo account or cash on the day before 10am!

FRIDAY
18TH SEPTEMBER Lunchtime 12.45pm



Saveloys with bread and sauce
\$2.50 Each

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Wednesday 23 September

Formal Committee Fundraiser

Gold coin donation
to wear non-uniform

Game Changer NZ

Game Changer NZ connects local hunters, processors, donors, and food banks to help turn donated wild game into quality meat for families in need. By clicking on this link [Nelson-Tasman — Game Changer NZ — Donate a Deer](https://gamechanger.wgrt.org.nz/nelson-tasman), you can find out about registering to be one of our local hunters, or contributing towards processing costs, or just spreading the word, our community can help provide nutritious food to local whānau accessing the Mohua Social Services Food Bank.

Thanks again for supporting this initiative and helping us reach more people.

<https://gamechanger.wgrt.org.nz/nelson-tasman>